emphasis on the promotion of Indian Systems of Medicine as an integral part of total Health Care Delivery Programme. The Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare wrote a letter on 7-8-1990 to all Chief Ministers, including the Chief Minister of Gujarat for adequate utilisation of doctors of Indian Systems of Medicine in the Rural Health Services.

Gujarat has already got a separate Directorate of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, 41 Ayurvedic hospitals and 570 Ayurvedic dispensaries (1988). The State also possesses the only Ayurvedic University in the country viz. Guarat Ayurvede University. There are 9 Ayurvedic Colleges with an admission capacity of about 300 students.

Production by Manali Petrochemical Project

2872. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Manali Petrochemical project promoted by Southern Petroleum Industries Corporation will go on stream;

(b) whether the production of propylene glycol will start first, to be followed by polyols;

(c) what are the main features of the proposed plan; and

(d) to what extent foreign exchange ill be saved thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) The propylene oxide and propylene glycol units of the Manali Petrochemical project are reported to have been commissioned in August, 1990 and trial production is on. The polyol plant is expected to be commissioned in October. 1990.

(c) The plan is to produce propylene oxide from propylene being supplied by Madras Refineries Ltd., and utilise this propylene oxide for conversion to propylene glycol and polyols.

(d) The extent of foreign exchange saving, by way of import substitution will depend upon factors such as capacity build up, international price of the products from time to time etc.

Sponsoring of Candidate for foreign studies on the basis of fake certificates

2873. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Medical Council of India sent some of its employees to Moscow. for undergraduate medical course on the basis of a fake certificate of SC/ST which was arranged by the then Secretary of Medical Council of India, during 1987-88;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been made; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The Medical Council of India selects 50 candidates for admission to undergraduate medical education in various medical institutions in USSR from the year 1987-88, based on the competitive examinations and interview. 10 seats are reserved for SC/ST. In the reserved category one candidate was the son of an employee of the Council. All the candidates belonging to SC/ST have submitted their caste certificates. The MCI is not aware of the production of any fake certificate.